



Missouri Department of Corrections 2020 PREA Annual Report

The Missouri Department of Corrections (MODOC) is committed to providing a safe environment for all offenders housed within our facilities. While incarcerated within the Missouri Department of Corrections, or residing in one of the agency's community confinement facilities, offenders have the right to be free from sexual abuse, sexual harassment and retaliation. The agency maintains a strict "Zero Tolerance" policy regarding the sexual abuse of offenders within the agency's 19 prisons and 7 community confinement facilities.

In 2020, MODOC continued our commitment to offender sexual safety and remained in full compliance with the requirements of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA). In October 2020, the governor again certified the State of Missouri to be in full compliance with PREA Standards.

Pursuant to 115 CFR 88 Data Review for Corrective Action, the following is a summary of the agency's efforts in maintaining full PREA compliance:

Trend Analysis:

The PREA Unit's team of Specialized Investigators conducts both criminal and administrative offender sexual abuse investigations. Offender Sexual Harassment investigations are conducted by each facility's Institutional Investigators.

In calendar year 2020, MODOC received and investigated 647 allegations of offender sexual abuse and/or sexual harassment, which is a decrease from 670 PREA investigations conducted in calendar year 2019.

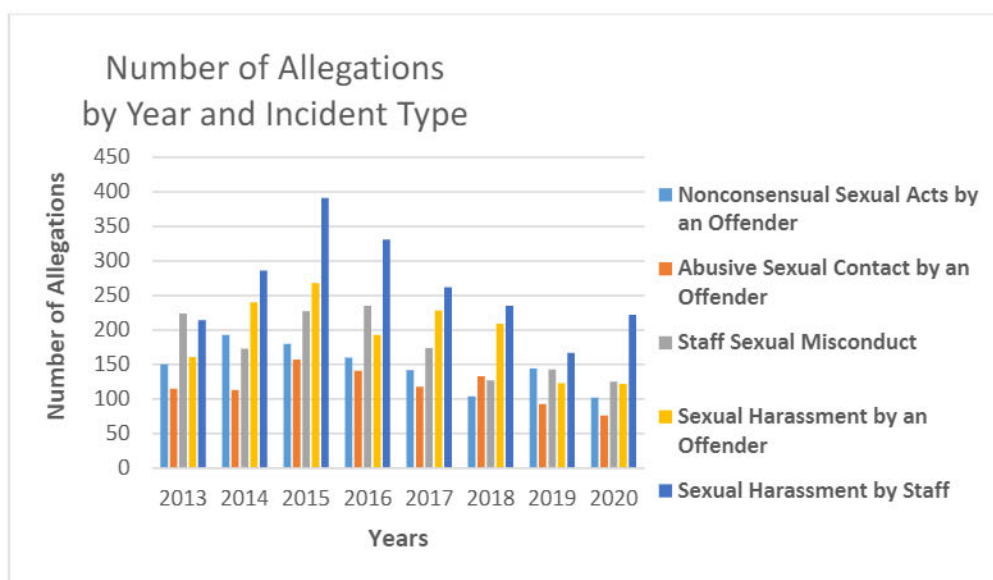
The chart below depicts the number of allegations received in 2020, by incident type and investigation findings.

Type	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Pending	Total
Nonconsensual Sexual Acts by an Offender	11	60	31		102
Abusive Sexual Contact by an Offender	8	49	19		76
Staff Sexual Misconduct	32	38	55		125
Sexual Harassment by an Offender	17	84	21		122
Sexual Harassment by Staff	9	153	60		222
TOTAL	77	384	186	0	647

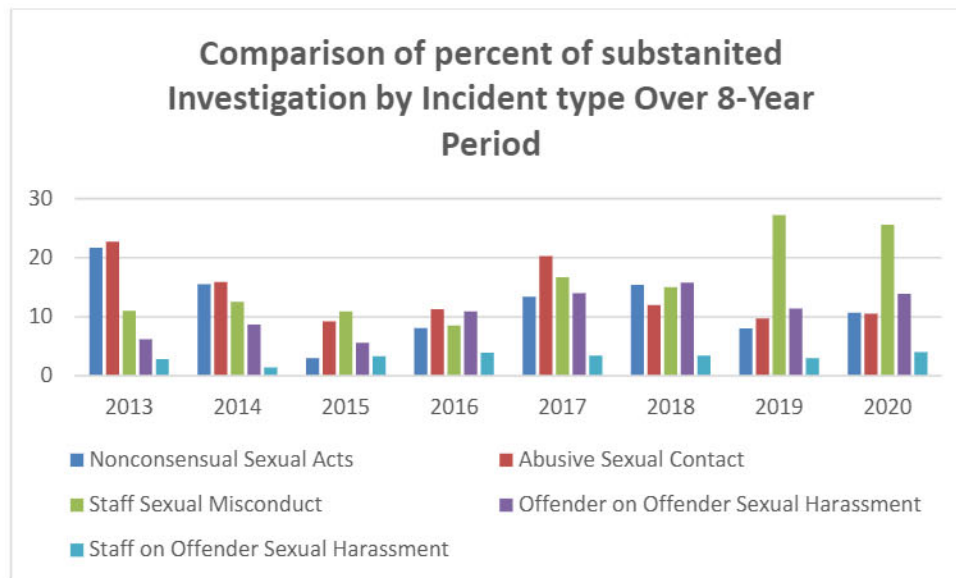
Since 2015, MODOC has seen a significant decline in the number of allegations received as depicted in the table below.



The graph below gives a visual comparison of the number of investigations conducted per year by incident type over a seven-year period.



The chart below depicts the percent of substantiated investigations by incident type over an 8-year period. In 2020, the department had a slight decrease in the percent of substantiated staff sexual misconduct investigations. PREA Investigators are continuing to present at each PREA Basic Training class to ensure all new staff have a solid foundation regarding the agency's commitment to offender sexual safety. This allows a subject matter expert to provide up-to-date information and reiterate the department Zero Tolerance stance and the department's effort to seek prosecution of staff who commit Offender Sexual Misconduct.



On-Going Corrective Action:

Pursuant to PREA Standards 115.87, 115.88 and 115.89, the agency collects accurate, uniform data from every allegation of sexual abuse and repeated allegations of sexual harassment from prisons and community confinement facilities under the governor's direct control. 2020 was a difficult year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Below is an overview of significant enhancements made during calendar year 2020;

We saw a decrease in number of allegations primarily due to the pandemic and offenders were quarantined in an attempt to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Corrective actions were minimal because the department focused on minimizing offender's exposure to COVID-19.

Additionally, staff shortages have been a continued battle and we increased recruiting efforts as well as continued training of site coordinators as well as institutional staff.

In 2019, the department launched the Investigative Reporting Intelligence System (IRIS). IRIS is an investigative records management system. This system allows the PREA Unit to track PREA investigations and analyze sexual abuse data.

Upgrades to video technology and additional cameras installed in the majority of facilities.

Updated and provided PREA Compliance Monitoring training to newly assigned PREA Site Coordinators.